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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on February 13, 2006; please enter the instant correspondence in the prosecution of the patent application captioned above. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Filed herewith is: i) the "Declaration of Dr. Gabriel Alvarado Filed Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.132" and, ii) a "Petition For A Three Month Extension of Time", as provided for by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), along with the requite fee.

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